

Assassin Shoots Premier Clemenceau While in Automobile; One Bullet Hits "Tiger" in Shoulder, Causing Slight Wound

4 MEN INJURED IN THREE FIRES; 1 MAY NOT LIVE

Chief Trapped in Cellar of Burning Wallpaper Establishment

FIVE AUTOS DESTROYED

Thousands of Dollars' Worth of Shoes Consumed in Central Blaze

Four persons were injured, including three firemen, a deputy fire chief was overcome; thousands of dollars' worth of shoes, lumber and five automobiles were destroyed, and three buildings were badly damaged today by fires here and in Camden.

The injured were:
Captain John Brown, Engine Company No. 20, seriously hurt by falling lumber and cut about the hands in a blaze on the premises of George W. Thayer, carpenter and builder, 1232 Ludlow street.

Michael Dolan, fireman, cut about the face and hands.
Frederick Slough, Engine Company No. 11, right arm cut by slams from the street, 203 Fulton street, seriously hurt in the fire that swept the automobile storage house of Casper Warner, 2007-09 South Jersey street, taken to St. Agnes Hospital in a critical condition.

Deputy Fire Chief W. B. Patterson, overcome in the cellar of a burning building at Fifth and Mickle streets, Camden.
Dolan and Slough were sent to the Jefferson Hospital for treatment. Captain Brown remained at his post until the blaze was under control.

Loss of between \$25,000 and \$35,000 was suffered by Frank G. Hitchener when fire of unknown origin wrought havoc with his wallpaper establishment at Fifth and Mickle streets, Camden. Most of the stock was destroyed.

Fire Chief Trapped in Cellar
Deputy Fire Chief Patterson was trapped in the cellar of the building when he sought to direct the work of the firemen from below, and his plight was discovered by Fire Chief Peter Carter and Fireman Harry Selby, who fought their way through flames and brought Patterson to safety in an unconscious condition. He was soon revived.

Forty employees of the Hitchener establishment, ten of whom were girls, left the burning building in safety. Nearly the entire Camden fire-fighting force responded to the general alarm turned in with the discovery of the blaze.

Construction of the burning building, which extended diagonally back behind a row of dwellings, the situation was considered particularly menacing. Householders in these dwellings packed their belongings, in expectation of an order from the fire department to evacuate the premises.

The blaze started in the stockroom in the rear of the first floor, and spread to the second floor, where fireproof spring stocks were stored. Fireproof walls erected recently saved the building from utter destruction.

Gasoline Tank Explodes
Diamond was badly burned when gasoline he was pouring into an automobile tank at the Warner storehouse exploded, igniting the building. With his whole body enveloped in flames, Diamond ran into the street shouting for help. Patterson and Selby collided with the blaze from his body, and turned in an alarm. The burned youth may die.

Three motortrucks and two passenger cars stored in Warner's establishment were lost in the flames, which made rapid headway and menaced several nearby stables and dwellings. About a dozen automobiles, which were about to be shipped, were removed to a place of safety.

The establishment of C. W. Pennington & Sons, painters, 2005 South Juniper street, and the garage of the Simmons Hardware Company, 2008 South Juniper street, were damaged by smoke and water.

Sparks from a stove are supposed to have started the fire in Thayer's carpenter shop at 1232 Ludlow street, the blaze originating on the second floor. Here a large quantity of lumber was damaged. On the third floor \$25,000 worth of shoes, owned by A. H. Geunier, 1234 Market street, were stored. A large portion of this stock was destroyed or rendered worthless. The firemen soon had the flames under control.

While the blaze raged mass was being celebrated at St. John's Catholic Church, only a few hundred feet away, but despite the clanging of fire bells and the attendant excitement in the street the services proceeded without interruption.

PRETTY GIRL—A HUG; \$20 FINE

Camden Man Finds Flirtations Propensities Somewhat Costly

A hug given solicited to a pretty young woman, 412 Arch street, Camden, \$20 when he was arrested before Recorder Stackhouse today.

EIGHT JAPANESE, SERVING IN NAVY, MADE CITIZENS

Judge Praises First of Their Nation Naturalized in This City

For the first time in the history of the Federal Court here, Japanese were admitted to citizenship when Judge Thompson, in the United States District Court, today naturalized eight who had seen overseas service in the United States navy and are now stationed at League Island.

On May 9, 1918, Japanese and Chinese were not admitted to citizenship in this country. On that date Congress passed a law allowing all men in the service of the government to become citizens. There was some doubt as to whether this included the Japanese and Chinese. Judge Thompson decided that it did, and the men were naturalized.

CLYDE LINE RESUMES HERE

Semiweekly Sailings to New York to Be Program

The Clyde Steamship Line will continue its Philadelphia-New York service. There will be semiweekly sailings from both this city and New York.

MAY FIGHT CHILD LABOR

Y. W. C. A. Speakers Likely to Appear Before Business Men

Women speakers of the Y. W. C. A. may appear before the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and other organizations to urge abolition of child labor and other measures affecting women.

HOUSE CUTS ARMY TO 175,000

Passes Senate Measure, Eliminating 540,000 Plan

Washington, Feb. 19.—(By A. P.)—The peace-time army of the United States for the year beginning next July 1, is fixed at 175,000 men, the number authorized by the national defense act of 1916—under a Senate bill sent to conference today after passing the House.

STRIKE CLOSES RUHR MINES

More Than 100 Collieries Reported Idle Under Spartacan Orders

Copenhagen, Feb. 19.—(By A. P.)—More than 100 collieries in the Ruhr district of Germany have been closed in accordance with the general strike called by the Spartacans.

Legislative Activities at Harrisburg Today

Senate bill reorganizing State Highway Department passes first reading in House.

Representative West, Democrat, Montour, introduces bill to increase salary of members of Legislature from \$1500 to \$2500, with \$600 for special sessions.

Bill for State Board to examine and license barbers presented in House by Mr. Neary, Philadelphia.

Appropriations aggregate \$28,000 for Norrisport State Hospital, asked by Representative Hamilton, Montgomery.



PREMIER GEORGES CLEMENCEAU

15 YEARS IN JAIL IS GIVEN BURGLAR CITY OFFICIALS

Negroes Who Robbed Mrs. Groome Also Get Heavy Sentences

City and county officials will be compelled to pay income tax on salaries and other forms of compensation under the new tax law, unless a contrary ruling is made by Washington.

MEANT TO CHECK CRIME WOULD HIT SHEEHAN

Justice McCormick, in Quarter Sessions Court today, imposed a sentence of fifteen years in the county prison on George D. Allen, seventeen years old, charged with burglary. Several sentences were also meted out to two negroes who stole the purse of Mrs. John C. Groome.

NEW LAW COMPELS PAY- MENT UNLESS WASHINGTON RULES OTHERWISE

The Italian delegation to the Peace Conference, according to an official note, has informed the secretary of the conference that it cannot accept the proposition for the arbitration of Italian and Jugo-Slav claims in Dalmatia as urged by the Jugo-Slavs.

PENNA. MAY GIVE GILLET, 20; MANN, 6 PLEDGES TODAY

Meeting of G. O. P. Congressmen
Likely to Decide Speaker-
ship Contest

Washington, Feb. 19.—The candidacy of Congressman Frederick Gillet, of Massachusetts, for Speaker of the House in the next Congress, is expected to receive a substantial and almost deciding boost this afternoon when the Pennsylvania Congressmen will meet to decide on a speaker.

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Paris, Feb. 19.—When the Jugo-Slav claims for territory on the eastern shore of the Adriatic came before the Supreme Council of the Peace Conference, it was tentatively decided that they should be referred to the commission to which was entrusted the examination of Rumanian demands, says a Havas report.

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America Upholds Union of Germany and Austria

Permissible Under Principle of Self-Determination, U. S. Delegates Contend—Only Objection to Combination Is French

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With the Peace Delegation in Europe
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Paris, Feb. 19.—The American position in regard to the union of Austria with Germany is that this is definitely permissible under the principle of self-determination.

The union can be effected at any time, and may be made before peace is signed. The whole question of dealing with Austria separately then would disappear.

The only apparent objection to the combination is from the French, who show a fear of any addition to the population of Germany, which already doubles that of France.

France also probably is anxious about the financial aspects of the problem on account of the burden of the Austrian debt and its effects on the chances of reparation by Germany.

The English position has not been disclosed, but probably is similar to that of America.

CATCH BANDITS IN RUNNING FIGHT

The three auto bandits who held up and robbed John Dougherty at Delaware avenue and Arch street, Camden, this afternoon, were captured a short time later in Merchantville, after a running revolver fight with Chief of Police Linderman.

6000 EMPLOYEES RELEASED BY WAR DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Of about 25,000 civilian employees in Washington by the War Department when the armistice was signed, reports made public today show more than 6000 have been released. All the departments are rapidly reducing their expanded war forces.

TROLLEYS CRASH; FIGHT ON LEAGUE TEN ARE INJURED BEGINS IN SENATE

Alleged Green Motorman Poindexter Resents Regulation of U. S. Affairs Car May Die by Aliens

DEBRIS BURIED RIDERS FEARS FOR AUTONOMY

Ten persons were injured when two trolley cars collided at Frankford avenue and Margaret street after a northbound car had run into an open switch shortly after 6 o'clock this morning.

Eight trolley riders serving Frankford, Kensington, Holmesburg, Torresdale, Kensington and the rest of the North-east, were blocked for more than an hour and thousands of persons were delayed in getting to work.

Michael Griffin, thirty years old, 2189 Conlyn street, motorman of one of the cars, lacerations and internal injuries. He may die.

Harry Lewis, thirty years old, 2938 Hurley street, conductor on the same car, general contusions.

Charles Weidman, sixty-five years old, 1140 East Toga street, internal injuries.

FRENCH CHIEF SHOT DOWN IN PARIS STREET

Assailant Runs Alongside Motor and Fires Several Times Through-Glass

CROWD BEATS MAN WHO DID SHOOTING

Young Man Arrested Says He's Parisian—Police Believe He Is Russian

PREMIER WALKS HOME

Attack on Peace Council's Chairman Will Not Seriously Delay Negotiations

Paris, Feb. 19.—Georges Clemenceau, France's aged but vigorous Premier, was shot at and slightly wounded this morning at 8:55 o'clock, as he was entering his automobile in the Rue Franklin for a drive to the War Office.

Five shots were fired by the assassin and it was at first reported that the Premier had been wounded in the head. It developed later, however, that one shot took effect in M. Clemenceau's shoulder.

The Premier's wound is not regarded as dangerous in itself, but it was felt that there might be serious consequences from it, considering the age and infirmities of the victim.

First reports of the incidents of the shooting were contradictory as to some particulars, especially as to whether the Premier was inside or outside his automobile when the shots were fired. It seems to have been established, however, that M. Clemenceau was already in his automobile.

It had started and was turning a corner off the Rue Franklin into the Rue de la Casse, a Russian standing on the sidewalk, jumped toward the door of the automobile and fired several times. One of the bullets penetrated the interior of the car and struck the Premier in the right shoulder.

The Premier had tried to open the door of the car when the first shot was fired, although the automobile was under considerable headway at the time, and it was while he was thus engaged that the bullet hit him. His chauffeur, Brabant, also was slightly wounded. Thus three of the assassin's bullets had their intended effect, one upon the Premier, another upon the chauffeur and the third upon policeman Gourat, who is one of the police agents who guard the Premier.

It was in the struggle with the assassin, after he had shot into the automobile, that the police officer was wounded. Meanwhile, the Premier had stepped out of his automobile and walked into his house.

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